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Applicants: Koji SUGIURA et al. Confirmation: 8811  
Serial No.: 10/576,012 Art Unit: 4173  
Filed: April 17, 2006 Examiner: L. Karpinski  
For: Anti-coronavirus agent

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2008, requiring a restriction between species I (a corona virus as described in the present specification on page 6, lines 5-12, and claim 5, i.e., SARS) and species II (a silver ion carrier as described in claim 2, i.e., potassium titanate).

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims can and should be examined in one application to ensure compact patent prosecution. Compact prosecution includes examination, as well as fiscal efficiency by avoiding unnecessary and undue prosecution costs on Applicants. Applicants further respectfully submit that all claimed matter inventions can and should be examined in one application inasmuch as the realistic search burden is reduced by the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 1, 2007. It is additionally noted that internationally recognized search authorities have already issued